

Remarks

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Decision on Petition issued March 30, 2011 (the "Decision") and to the telephone conversation between the undersigned and Legal Examiner Bryan Lin that took place on May 2, 2011 in which the Decision was discussed. A copy of the Decision is enclosed herewith as Exhibit A.

The Petition for which the Decision was issued was filed on November 22, 2010 to correct priority in the above identified application, now U.S. Patent No. 7,501,455 B2. According to the Decision, before the Petition may be granted, an Amendment requesting entry of the priority information must be filed. See page 2 of Exhibit A:

The petition does not satisfy item (1) above. Specifically, 35 U.S.C. 120 requires that the application (as opposed to the patent) be amended to contain the required reference. Before the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) can be granted, a proper amendment (complying with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121) to correct the above matter is required.

In the conversation referred to above, the undersigned was informed by Legal Examiner Lin that the Petition need not be re-filed; the sole remaining requirement in order to find the Petition grantable is an Amendment directing the entry of the priority information. Accordingly, this Amendment is being filed to satisfy that requirement.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered and the Petition filed November 22, 2010 be reconsidered and granted. If any issues remain to be discussed, please contact the undersigned.

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